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SUBJECT: AIR LINK BETWEEN NEPAL AND SRI LANKA

REF: (A) STATE 054180, (B) KATHMANDU 0956

1. CEYLON TOURIST BOARD HOPEFUL THAT DIRECT AIR CONNECTION BETWEEN COLOMBO AND KATHMANDU WILL COMBINE SRI LANKA'S BEACHES AND NEPAL'S MOUNTAINS AND ENCOURAGE FLOW OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN TOURISTS TO BOTH COUNTRIES. MARKETING DIRECTOR OF ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES CORP. (RNAC), MR. BINAYA SHARMA, IS QUOTED IN LOCAL PRESS REPORT AS SAYING THAT TOUR WHOLESALERS IN WEST GERMANY AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN COMBINED, TWO-COUNTRY TOUR PACKAGES. IN ADDITION, AS SRI LANKANS WILL BE ABLE TO BUY TICKETS WITH RUPEES, MANY BUDDHISTS MAY WISH TO VISIT LAND OF BUDDHA'S BIRTH.

2. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR KATHMANDU-COLOMBO FLIGHT EACH WEDNESDAY WITH RETURN TO KATHMANDU ON FOLLOWING DAY. INAUGURAL FLIGHT WILL BE MARCH 16.

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3. AIR CEYLON CONFIRMS THAT IT HAS NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO PERFORM A RECIPROCAL FLIGHT DUE SHORTAGE OF AIRCRAFT.
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